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FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Edward Peznowski – Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: Two Public Members

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Howard Osden, Office Supervisor

Dept. of Consumer Protection Legal Staff: Anthony Santoro, Esq.

CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep: Tammie Whiting

Public Present: David LaFond Bill Rhodes

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with an amendment to page 3, under "Correspondence, An Act Ensuring the Proper Installation and Maintenance of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work", to reflect that the Board inquired as to who the source or author of this document was, and they were not informed at this time. Director Richard M. Hurlburt reiterated that this document was initially drafted many years ago when the issue of residential fire sprinkler systems first arose.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Dave LaFond – National Fire Sprinkler Association

Mr. LaFond introduced himself to the Board. He is attending today to observe and offer assistance if needed.

APPLICATIONS:

None

APPLICANT APPEALING DENIAL:

Nicholas Cornelius, Granville, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board voted to deny due to the fact that the applicant did not submit additional original, notarized statements from employers as to the dates and duties of employment to prove that he has completed the required 8,000 hours of on the job training. The applicant should provide proof of completion of a Massachusetts apprenticeship program or original, notarized letters from previous employers.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

The Board continued to discuss the ongoing issue of licenses required to install residential fire protection sprinkler systems. The Board reviewed the following documents:

- Regulation Concerning Licensure for Limited Residential Fire Sprinkler Work
- Residential Fire Sprinkler License Draft Legislation NFPA 13D

The Board requested that the Department inform them of the next Plumbing Board meeting date, as they may consider attending to discuss this matter further.

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2. Trip testing of fire protection sprinkler systems as it relates to Connecticut licensing requirements

The Board continues to discuss their concern regarding the scope of work involved in trip testing a fire protection sprinkler system and what category of fire protection sprinkler work license is required to do this work. Chairperson David Waskowicz provided two letters written by Michael Skurat, one dated February 21, 1990 and one dated March 20, 1990, regarding this topic.

The Board continues to maintain that trip testing a system involves shutting the system down, and therefore, impairing the system. Current state statute requires a fire protection license when doing work on an impaired fire sprinkler system. The Board is of the opinion that adding and clarifying the term “testing” as it relates to current statutes would be beneficial.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

APPLICATION ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Christopher DeJordy, Chicopee, MA, (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. DeJordy’s (F-2) application.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Regulation concerning licensure for limited residential fire sprinkler work
- Documentation regarding trip testing of fire protection sprinkler systems

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

Trade Practices Division reported that there were no new closed complaints to review this month.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

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The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117
Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

- September 19 – Thursday
- October 17 – Thursday
- November 14 – Thursday
- December 12 – Thursday

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT